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American Embassy,
Paris,
October 26, 1962

Dear Dean:

With reference to your telegram No. 2351, October 24, I had the opportunity while dining alone with the Sulzbergers to take up the subject the boss wanted me to mention to him. Sulzberger, for a correspondent who had already gone to print, was definitely chagrined over his column of October 24. He had been undoubtedly impressed by the statements made recently by McNamara, Mac Bundy, yourself and others warning the American people about the imminence of a crisis and had put two and two together and gotten five in regard to the Cuban situation. When I explained to him that these warnings were due to indications we had had of Khrushchev's attitude and did not have any relation to a "Kennedy Doctrine" on Cuba, and explained to him the timing and necessary speed in the Cuban matter, he appeared to accept this completely. I feel for the moment at least that there will be no comparable repetition by Sulzberger of this thesis.

Incidentally, Cy left today for the United States and I think will be going down to Washington where he will undoubtedly try to see you and the President. You might care to pass on to the President the foregoing if there is any question of either of you seeing him.

There is inevitably over here a slight feeling somewhat along the lines of Cy's piece, namely that the Cuban decision was based on larger and even extraneous consideration, but on the whole there is nothing I think that we could complain

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I am writing you this since there seemed to be no urgency in the reply and I didn't want to clutter up your life with a further cable.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chip".

~~Charles E. Bohlen~~

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